



## Karen K. Lueck

May 13, 1942 - July 16, 2020

Karen Lueck, 78  
Kearney resident

Karen Kay Lueck, 78, passed from this life into eternal life on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in her home. She was surrounded by her family. All are invited to attend a graveside service 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2020 at Kearney Cemetery with the Rev. Melody Adams officiating. The family will receive friends 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Karen was born on May 13, 1942 in Sutherland, Nebraska to James and Mable (Cotten) Marrs. Growing up in Sutherland, Karen graduated from Sutherland High School in 1960. Upon graduating, she lived in Colorado Springs for a short time before moving to Kearney to attend college.

Karen met Jerome (Jerry) Samuel Rash, Jr. in Kearney in 1961 and they married on January 4, 1963. They became parents to Jerome (Jerry) Samuel Rash III and Kevin Andrew Rash.

Karen met William (Bill) Henry Lueck in Kearney in 1973. They were married on November 26, 1975. Bill passed away on August 10, 2010 from Leukemia in Kearney.

Karen had a long and loved career with Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska. She began working as a program secretary in February of 1974. In November of 1974, she was promoted to Finance Director and was again promoted to Executive Director/CEO in April of 1999. Beyond her position duties, Karen held various State, Regional, and National positions. Additionally, she helped to create “Beads in a Box”, a jewelry business that acted as an additional fundraising resource for the non-profit organization. Karen retired in May of 2014.

In her retired years, Karen loved spending time with her dogs, Boogie and Nicole. Unfortunately, Boogie went to join Bill in Heaven in 2018. Karen also enjoyed beading and other various crafts. She also began “snow birding” to Arizona, spending the winters in Bullhead City starting in 2014.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mable, and her husband, Bill.

Left to keep her memory are son, Jerry (Jeanne) Rash of Kearney, NE; son, Kevin (Ginger) Rash of Springfield, MO; granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Stephanie (Ryan), Mya, and Ava Wetovick of Broken Bow, NE; granddaughter, Megan Rash of Elkhorn, NE; grandson, Andrew Rash of Kansas City, MO; grandson, Benjamin Rash and granddaughter, Natalie Rash, both of Springfield, MO.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hearts United for Animals or to AseraCare Hospice of Kearney. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O’Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

JUL **19.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Graveside Service

JUL **20.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Karen K. Lueck

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Karen was a good boss and I learned a lot at Mid. I made a lot of good friends there. Mid did, and is doing, so much for Kearney and lots of cities and towns in Nebraska. She will be missed. ~ Valerie Hanson.



Valerie Hanson - July 18, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.



July 18, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.



July 17, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.*



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July 17, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Karen & I were friends in school at Sutherland. We were known as "Mutt & Jeff" as I was considerably shorter than her. Unfortunately we drifted apart as the years went by. My sincere condolences to her family.*

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**Norma Schrack** - July 17, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.*



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July 17, 2020 at 07:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.*



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July 16, 2020 at 09:43 PM

YD

“ Karen and I have been friends since 1969. Always there for each other when needed. A wonderful friend over the years. Today was a sad day for many who loved her. But she is in a better place.

So absolutely unique that Karen and I were diagnosed with the big C within days of each other!!!

God bless her wonderful family and also the many friends. She was truly a blessing to many.

*Rest In Peace my dear friend.*

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**Yvonne Deyle** - July 16, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karen K. Lueck.



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July 16, 2020 at 08:55 PM

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“ Kimberley Stacy lit a candle in memory of Karen K. Lueck



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**Kimberley Stacy** - July 16, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DA

*I met Karen in 1981 as the result of a work assignment. Over the years I found that she was an outstanding and caring individual. There will never be another Karen. Rest In Peace.*

*Daryl*

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**Daryl Achenbach** - July 19, 2020 at 02:40 PM

KY

*Although I did not know your loved one, I know from experience this is an especially hard time to lose a loved one. Also, Community Action is a family. So know I am praying for you and your family and friends.*

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**Kreda Yokley** - July 20, 2020 at 12:08 PM

LJ

*Karen and I were second cousins. Her mother and I were first cousins. Karen and I grew up in Sutherland NE as classmates, Sunday school, church members, dance class together, but most of all playmates on my parents farm. We spent endless hours playing with her two brothers running the hills together. I wish I had know of her illness. I would of been there for her. Now I know why she did not answer her phone when I called her to wish her a happy birthday in May. I have lost a friend. Prayers for her sons and their families. Linda (Godeker) Johnson, Hershey, NE.*

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**Linda (Godeker) Johnson** - July 20, 2020 at 02:25 PM